



Negroes Constitute Part of J.J.C. Student Body for the First Time

In compliance with the U. S. Supreme Court ruling abolishing racial segregation, Joplin Junior College opened its doors to Negro students this fall. For the first time, there are eight Negro students enrolled at J. J. C.

Anne Terry is a freshman from Lincoln High School in Joplin. In high school, she was active in the Y-Teens, the pep squad, and the theater group. Ann is following the Arts and Science curriculum at J. J. C.

Laverne Stewart, a sophomore from Baxter Springs, Kansas, is also in the Arts and Science curriculum. Laverne, who aspires to be a coach, is a member of the football team. He is also interested in music. Before coming to J. J. C. he attended Southwest College at Winfield, Kansas.

Carroll Logue is a 1953 graduate of Lincoln High School in Joplin. Carroll, a sophomore, is studying elementary teaching. In high school she took an active part in the band, theater, and Y-Teens. Prior to this year, she attended Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Eugene Roscoe, a freshman Pre-Med student, is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Joplin. Eugene played football and basketball in high school and took part in the theater. He was voted the outstanding citizen of Lincoln High School in 1954.

Helen Scott is a resident of Carthage, Missouri, but she graduated from Lincoln High School in Joplin in 1954. Helen, a freshman Pre-Med student, is a member of the theater group and interested in plays.

Else Frazier, from Carthage, Missouri, is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Joplin. In high school she was a cheerleader, drum major of the band, and member of the Y-Teens. Else is studying Applied Music and is interested in the Theta-Mu-Gamma music organization.

Peggy Sue Crawford graduated from St. Peters High in 1954, and is enrolled in Elementary Teaching. In high school she was senior president, secretary of the student council, captain of the pep squad, and a member of the drum and bugle corps.

Betty Marie Young is a freshman from Baxter Springs, Kansas. She attended Baxter High School where she was active in the glee club, on the newspaper staff, and the annual staff. She is enrolled in the General Business course.

Concert Violinist To Perform Here On October 20

Joyce Flissler, widely acclaimed violinist, will appear here at J.J.C. at the regular assembly hour on Wednesday, October 20.



Miss Flissler made her entry into the New York concert world with her Town Hall debut in December, 1951. Besides her appearances on the concert stage in the South and East, Miss Flissler has made numerous orchestral appearances under the batons of Leon Barzin, Jean Morel, and Leopold Stokowski.

She is under the management of the National Music League, an organization that gives young artists an opportunity to appear on the concert stage.

Enrollment Increase Marks 1954; Assemblies Get Activities Underway

Joplin Junior College opened the 1954-1955 school year with an increase of 34 percent over last year's enrollment. According to the latest figures released by Dean Maurice L. Litton, the total enrollment this year is 443 students as compared with last year's enrollment of 329.

These 443 students represent thirty-five Missouri cities, three Kansas cities, and cities in ten other states. The ten other states represented are Oklahoma, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Colorado, Texas, California, New Jersey, Illinois, New Mexico, and Washington.

In the first assembly of the school year held on Wednesday September 15, Dr. Maurice L. Litton, dean, introduced the faculty and President Roi S. Wood to the student body.

President Wood gave the welcoming address. In this speech, he emphasized the importance of students having "willing-hands."

On Friday September 17, students from the various school organizations presented the annual orientation assembly. As Student Cabinet President, Robert Bridger presided at the assembly which

was designed to acquaint the new students with Joplin Junior College.

In order to illustrate the way the different activities make-up Joplin Junior College, a specified part of a lion represented each organization. As each organization was introduced, Betty Jarvis, who had drawn the life-sized lion, pinned on the parts.

The various organizations and the representatives of each were as follows: Student Senate, Ruth McKinney; College Players, Nancy Nearing and Marie Jeffries; Athletics, Jim Drennan; Cheerleaders, Myrna Goode, Pat Jacobs, Donna Howard, Madalyn Gustafson, Pat Deatherage, and Janice Hargis; Beta Beta Beta Sorority, Pat Alexander, Kay Roland, Marcia Aggus, and Nancy Nearing; Phi Theta Kappa, Shirley Costley and Valeria Flesher; Pi Alpha Pi, Phyllis McClary; Crossroads, Pat Deatherage; Chart, Charles Garde; D. E. Club, Ed Showalter; Choir, Wylene Waggoner; Theta Mu Gamma, Ruth McKinney, and Harold Manker; Joplin Junior College Symphony, Mr. Merrill Ellis; Y. W. C. A., June Cummins; Y. M. C. A., Ed Showalter; and Modern Language Club, Eleanor Damer, Rafael Rodriguez, Carol Lou Clark, and Jo Ann Ferner.

Chem Classes Hear Secret of Progress

Paul R. Leach, Jr., Midwest manager of the extension division of E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, addressed the chemistry classes and all other students who wished to attend at 11:00 o'clock, September 29, in the college auditorium.

His subject was, "American Industrial Progress Exemplified by the Chemical Industry." Mr. Leach stated that the real secret of America's way of life is accredited to two reasons. "One of these is the invention and use of our modern tools. The other factor, and the more important one is the willingness of the American people to invest."

Joplin Junior College a Busy Place on Registration Day



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We're Glad You're Here But Don't Try to Do Everything

With the 1954-1955 school year already in full swing, the upper classmen of Joplin Junior College extend to you neophytes a warm welcome and wish you every success throughout the year.

You were introduced to the curricula during those days of examination and registration. Then came the classes in which you, your fellow students, and instructors are working and becoming better acquainted. Finally, you were introduced to various organizations of the school through student representatives. Through your association with other students you will learn a great deal about J.J.C. which will help you to know and appreciate it.

The saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," cannot hold true at J. J. C. for there are many organizations for your benefit and enjoyment. One thing to remember, however, before joining the different organizations is that you came to school to gain knowledge. You cannot achieve this goal and still be a member of every organization in school. Benefit from the experiences of the upper classmen and limit your activities. You'll be much happier during the year and more so when the final grades come out.

Styles and Wiles

By Kay

The college girl must plan her wardrobe with an eye to both economy and adaptability. The majority of her wardrobe should consist of separates to be dressed up or down for different occasions through the use of accessories. If the wardrobe is limited, clothes should be chosen according to a basic color theme of brown, gray, black, or navy. Clothing chosen in this manner will mix or match much better than clothing chosen haphazardly.

One of the most attractive of the new trends is the Chanel Look - long rope pearls worn over soft sweaters, tweed skirts, and the tailored middie blouse in soft muted tones of blue, beige, or gray.

Turquoise, aqua, and the blues, ranging from the lightest of powder blue to the deepest navy are the favored colors for fall. Also popular are the jewel tones of ruby, jet black, olive and emerald green, and a wide range of the browns.

The boy's shirt is wonderfully adaptable. A white cotton shirt worn with huge gold cuff links, pleated beige orlon skirt, and a bright leather belt makes an excellent costume for casual wear, but picture a pink chambray boy's shirt worn with pink pearl cuff links, pink chanel type rope pearls and a black velveteen skirt for party wear.

The little jumper is news this season. In velvet, corduroy, men's flannel, and many other fabrics, it proves most adaptable to both school and party wear. Worn with a blouse, the jumper is appropriate for casual and school wear; without a blouse the jumper is perfect for party wear.

Sweaters are especially nice in the new orlon-vicara and nylon-vicara blends. The yarn combines the best features of each fibers, the elasticity and durability of nylon and orlon, the luxury and softness of vicara.

We Freshmen Appreciate But We Also Warn You

We of J. J. C.'s brand new freshman class wish to express our most sincere appreciation to both the faculty and the sophomore class for the more than warm and cordial manner with which they received us from the time we first walked into the college. The "one big family" atmosphere, of which we soon became a part, has awakened in us new ideals of scholarship and social stability, which we intend to bear foremost at all times.

But, we think it only proper that we publicly issue a challenge to you of the sophomore class to keep up your high standards of performance, because we not only have a large number of able personalities from all over the district constituting our class but each of us is exceedingly eager to better our school in any way his individual talents dictate.

If we students and our faculty maintain the high degree of efficiency displayed during these first few weeks of the term, we are all sure to enjoy a prosperous year here at J. J. C.

Co-ed Correspondents Tattle On Behavior of J.J.C. Males

"Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood we find a delightful creature called a boy." Delightful? Well, some of them are, but some of them aren't, as is illustrated by the wide variety of the species that roam the campus of J.J.C. (the Den included). So Sis and Lil, your co-ed correspondents, have picked the following as representative of the most prevalent types.

Eager Edgar

First, we have Eager Edgar, alias Willie, the Wolf, (he thinks). You know who we mean, gals. That fellow who always gives you the "twice-over" and then some. He wears that look of bored indifference to impress you, in case you didn't know.

Edgar is the one who always wears his shirt open at the neck (to give that "gaucho" effect) but his cultivated "five o'clock shadow" is betrayed by the fact that he looks like one who has yet to cut his six-year molars.

Oh, he has a car, too! One of those lowered jobs with the dual pipes that reduce your hearing to almost nothing with their deafening roar. As he passes by, he either hangs out the window or checks the rear-view mirror, as if to say, "Did you notice ME?"

Just look around, gals and you'll see him slouching against the building with a cigarette hanging out of his mouth, or beating a fast path over to the Den. But he's not dangerous; neither is anyone else in the romper stage!

Average Andy

Then we have Average Andy who impressed us immediately as just the right kind of guy. We always thought that average students existed only in the minds of psychologists. We were wrong; Andy proved it for us.

Among the slovenly, sloppy, members of the stronger sex, his good taste in clothes is evident. In a group of outstandingly attired Big Men On Campus he blends in well maybe because his wardrobe includes no red blazer, purple string tie, pink and yellow argyles or green corduroys. And Andy wears his clothes; they don't wear him.

His white bucks are only slightly scuffed and he sports a neat crew cut that caught our critical eyes.

When Andy walks down the hall, a slide rule constantly protrudes from his pocket, suggest-

ing to us that his academic endeavor equals his personality. Trig tables and his trusty slide rule are with him always, but he never carries a history book. (Sis can't get along without two or three and Lil needs half a dozen.) This serves as further proof that Andy is TOPS!

Well, girls, we know you have run into one of these fellows (maybe literally) during the last few weeks, but, if not, keep watching (or look out!)

Capping Capers

Surely you have noticed the blondes and brunettes all lined up by the stairway opposite the Biology Department every day near one o'clock! If not, it is certain you saw those cute little green caps bobbing here and there in and out. Those scrub surgery caps (better known as OB caps) were sported by the student nurses, who are necessarily attending several classes at Joplin Junior College.

The caps along with the many bright, clashing colors, dolls, rabbits, teddy bears, and lavish bows at the ankles, necks, and elbows, were only a part or the week-long initiation all freshman nurses must endure. At home and at work the lowly ones were made to eat all victuals with a knife - that is, as long as a higher classman was even suspected of spying on them. Initiation week at St. John's Hospital isn't all that atrocious, however. The upper classmen were kind enough to provide a skating party and hamburger fry in addition to all the hazing.

As in our own J. J. C., the life at St. John's is not all play. Regular classes are held at the hospital in which freshman pupils study the nursing arts and older students complete their work. Only freshmen, who this year number twenty-nine females and one lone male, are permitted to attend our Alma Mater. Here they haunt chemistry, anatomy, physiology, and psychology texts for one semester.

Considering the fact that the nurses' training school attracted an individual all the way from Alabama, a nurse's life must be a fascinating one. Just ask any student nurse!

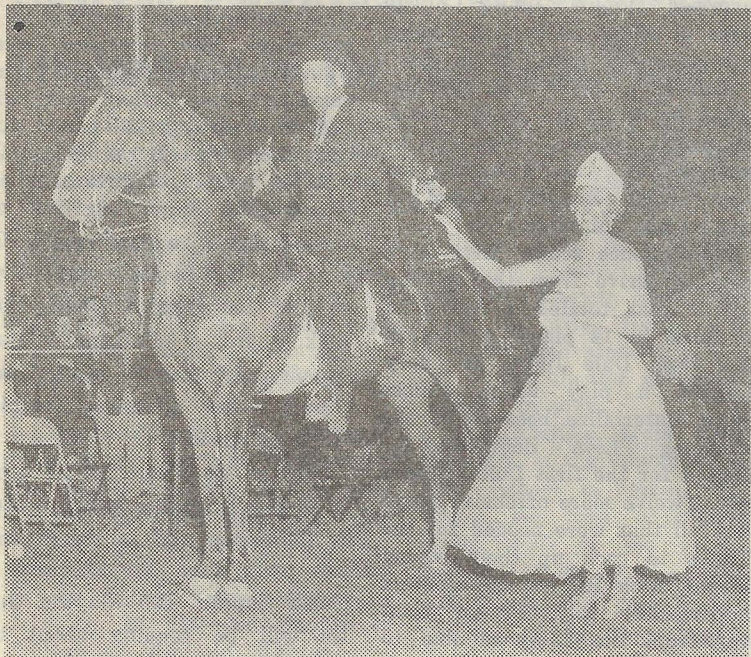


Co-eds to Appear at American Royal

Joplin Junior College will certainly be well represented at the American Royal Livestock and Exhibition Show October 13 to 16 in Kansas City as Janice Hargis, pretty, blonde co-ed from J. J. C. has been chosen "Miss Webb City" and Patty Deatherage, popular junior college brunette, has

been selected "Miss Joplin".

Janice, one of our busiest sophomores, received her title during Webb City's first annual horse show held September 22. She was crowned by Myrna Goode, 1953 American Royal Princess, who is also a sophomore at J. J. C.



Janice Hargis

(Courtesy of Globe)

Patty, J. J. C.'s versatile miss with the sparkling personality, was selected in a contest sponsored by the women's committee of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce. In this contest, held October 1 on the stage of the Paramount Theater, the candidates were rated 50 percent for beauty, 30 percent for poise and grooming, and 20 percent for culture. Kay Roland was judged second.



Patty Deatherage

J. J. C. is proud that the six girls who were the candidates for "Miss Joplin" are either attending Joplin Junior College or are J. J. C. graduates. Ruth McKenney, Patty Deatherage, and Kay Roland are members of the sophomore class and Evalyn Grant is a freshman. Patty Gray and Carol Lou Clark graduated last spring.

Sherman Is Y. M. President

The Y. M. C. A. Luncheon Club elected Roger Sherman president at their first meeting held Tuesday, October 28. Roger, a sophomore at J. J. C., was very active in the club last year. Keith Sovereign, from Joplin High, was chosen vice-president and Howard Hogan, a sophomore, secretary and treasurer.

The group made plans to attend a dance at Cottey College in Nevada. They also discussed the joint meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., held Oct. 5.

Drama Group Elects Officers

Dr. B. G. Skillman and Marie Jeffries will lead the College Players in their 1954-1955 triumphs. Dr. Skillman, new college dramatic coach, gathered together forty-two prospective J. J. C. dramatists for the first time Tuesday, September 21, in Blaine Hall.

Marie Jeffries, who was outstanding in college theater last year, was chosen president. Those who were elected to serve with her were Evalyn Grant, vice-president; Pat Deatherage, secretary; and Bill Ball, treasurer. The players named a committee to select the first play of the year. Barbara James and Evalyn Grant were selected from the freshman class and Charlie Garde and Nancy Nearing from the sophomore.

Immediately after the business session, students who wished stayed and danced. The dance ended at ten o'clock.

Musicians Play at Park

The annual outing of the honorary musical fraternity, Theta Mu Gamma, was held at 6:00 p. m. Tuesday, September 28, at Schermerhorn Park near Galena, Kansas. Members and pledges met at the college before leaving for the picnic grounds.

Two committees planned the outing. Betty Cross headed the food committee, and Pat Holland was in charge of the entertainment.

Pi Alpha Pi Names Heads

Pi Alpha Pi, Joplin Junior's honorary business fraternity, held its first meeting September 22. Officers elected for the coming year were Ed Showalter, president; Judy Wallace, vice-president; Shirley Kirby, secretary-treasurer. A membership committee was appointed and plans for the coming year's activities were discussed.

Y.W.C.A. Program Begins With Tea

Activities of the Joplin Junior College Y. W. C. A. began Sunday afternoon, September 19, with the annual tea held in the Y. W. residence. The tea was especially for freshman girls; but all sophomore girls, women faculty members, and wives of the men on the faculty were invited. About fifty girls attended the tea.

June Cummins, president, and Jane Baldridge, a program chairman, presided at the tea table. Members of the Junior College committee of the Y. W. C. A. who prepared the punch and cookies are Mrs. L. T. Merrill, Mrs. Lorene Irvine, Mrs. Herb Small, Mrs. V. D. Cochran, and Mrs. Walter Heiland.

As in the past, the College Luncheon Club meets each Tuesday at the noon hour. In addition to the president, officers heading the organization include: Phyllis McClary, vice-president; Eleanor Damer, treasurer; and Donna Diehl, secretary.

Committee chairmen include: Betty Jarvis, the other program chairman; Shirley Kirby, devotions; Patty Deatherage and Myrna Goode, social; Suzanne Jackson Redman, music; Marcia Jones, service; Wylene Waggoner, finance; and Marie Jeffries, menu.

Miss Phyllis Norton, Y. W. teen-age program director who graduated from J. J. C. in 1952, is the Y. W. advisor of the club. Miss Vera Steininger and Miss Martha McCormick are the college sponsors.

The Luncheon Club opens its first four meetings to all girls. After that, dues must be paid to attend the luncheons.

Red Cross Holds Workshop at J. J. C.

Joplin Junior College auditorium was the scene of a one-day workshop for American Junior Red Cross teacher-sponsors and P. T. A. mothers Monday, September 20. Those who attended heard talks by persons interested in the formation of more Red Cross chapters and viewed an exhibit of articles displayed by them.

Mrs. Josephine Lay, Joplin Junior Red Cross director, said that "According to the annual report of the American Red Cross, 78,300 schools participated in the organization last year, including 750 colleges and universities.

During the morning session, Mr. Cecil Floyd, assistant superintendent of schools, informed the group of Red Cross work being done in the Joplin public schools.

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Three Instructors Join Faculty

Two new instructors and one who has been on a leave of absence have joined the Joplin Junior College faculty.

New Speech Instructor

Dr. B. G. Skillman succeeded Mr. Robert Heater as instructor of speech and drama at Joplin Junior College this year. Dr. Skillman is a native of Olustee, Oklahoma and holds five academic degrees from as many college or universities.

Prior to coming to J. J. C., Dr. Skillman served as professor of speech and drama at Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas. He held this post from 1948 to 1951. Last year he was professor of speech at Eastern New Mexico University at Portales. From 1942 to 1945 he served in the armed forces.

Dr. Skillman began his college education at Altus, Oklahoma, where he attended junior college. He was awarded his first degree, a bachelor of science degree, by Oklahoma A. & M. College at Stillwater.

Since then he has received the following degrees: Master of Arts (in drama education), from New York University; Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Oklahoma; Master of Arts (in drama) from the University of Iowa; and Doctor of Philosophy (in speech) from the University of Denver.

Dr. Skillman and his wife and their two-year-old daughter reside at 111 Jackson Avenue.

New Basketball Coach

J. J. C.'s new assistant football coach and head basketball coach is Mr. Charles (Buddy) Ball.

Coach Ball, a native of Galena, Kansas, graduated from Riverton High School in 1948. He attended Pittsburg State Teachers College at Pittsburg, Kansas, from 1948 until 1952. He played quarterback for three years on the football team and lettered two years in basketball. After graduating, he remained at Pittsburg until 1953 when he was awarded his master's degree. While working on his master's degree, from 1952 to 1953, he coached the Pittsburg "B" football team.

Prior to his coming to Joplin, he coached a year at Uniontown, Kansas. Coach Ball teaches biology at Joplin High School in the morning and coaches in the afternoon at the stadium.

Coach Ball resides with his wife and son, Steve, at 2311 Byers in Joplin.

He replaces Mr. Don Testerman who resigned to go into business.

Business Instructor Returns

Mr. Orie Cheatham, commerce instructor, has returned to Joplin Junior College after a nine-month leave of absence. He was instructor of office machines, accounting, introductory business, law, and secretarial procedures here from 1945 to 1953. In 1953, he obtained a leave of absence to go to the State University of Iowa to work on his Ph. D. degree.

Mr. Cheatham, a native of Billings, Missouri, is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State College of Springfield, and received his Bachelor of Science degree from that college. He was awarded his Master of Science degree from Colorado University. He is now residing in Joplin at 426 North Moffet Avenue.

Mrs. Evelyn Jones Gives Book Review

A native with a Princeton shirt, an important official who patrolled the drainage ditches kicking out dams built by natives, and two lovely geisha girls were among the many characters brought to life by Mrs. Evelyn Milligan Jones as she reviewed the book, "The Tea House of the August Moon," on Wednesday, September 22 in the Junior College auditorium.

"The Tea House of the August Moon" tells of the trials and tribulations of an army officer as he tries to colonize a village on the island of Okinawa during the occupation period of 1945.

In an interview, Mrs. Jones revealed that after reading thirty-six books, she felt that only three would make interesting reviews. "I like a book in which there is some humor," and, she emphasized, "also a deeper meaning."

Mrs. Jones, who has presented reviews here for the last eight or ten years, stated, "School audiences, in my opinion, are the most responsive. Students are striving to learn and, therefore, are always more receptive."

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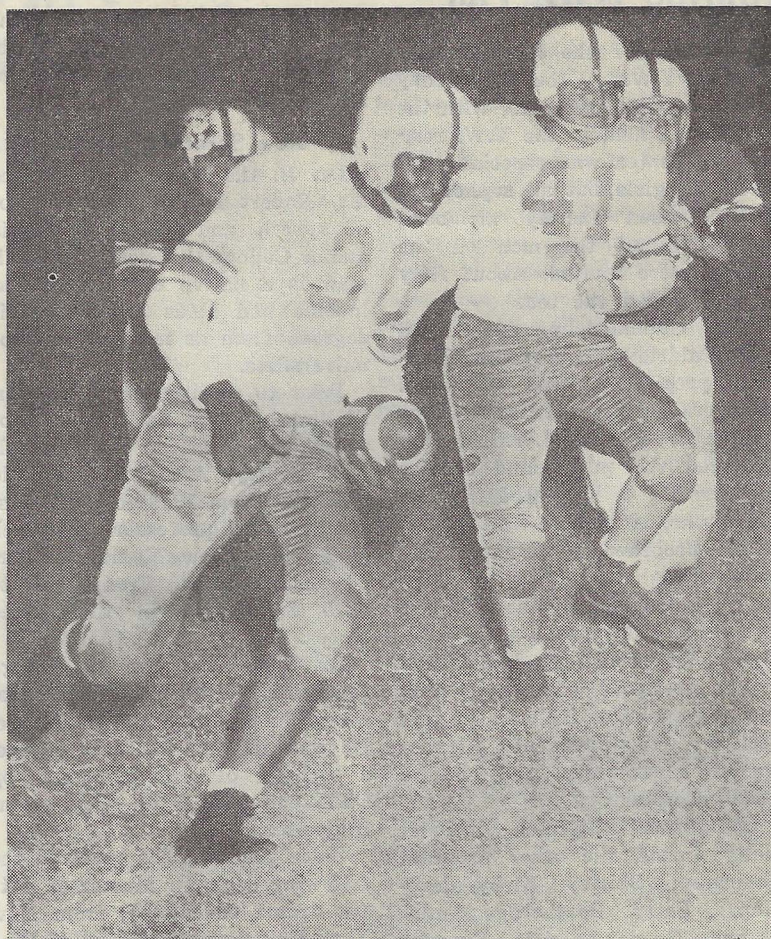
It's not hard to understand why some rate this year's Juco football squad as the most outstanding in Joplin Junior College history. The Lions have plenty of talent this year and are especially strong with plenty of depth in the backfield. Backs like team-captain Jim Drennan, a converted fullback playing one of the half-back slots in this year's campaign, are expected to do something just short of amazing as the season progresses. John Coatney, a Joplin High product as is Drennan, is alternating with the captain for the starting halfback role, and, by the way, ran wild in the opener against O.M.A. Bill Agan, another ex-Joplin High athlete, the other starting halfback and a real tough competitor, and Dick Humphrey, returning as the Lion signal-caller this year, will no doubt be two of the sparkplugs in Coach Dudley Stegge's fine array of talent.

Bob James, a sophomore from Miami, Okla., and Bud Young, ex-S.M.U. footballer, both fresh from the service of Uncle Sam, also have looked really good in Juco's first two starts. Shorty Stewart, big, rangy Negro fullback of this bone-busting backfield squad, rounds out the first string backfield. And what a way he goes about doing it! (See cut this page.)

And, of course, it wouldn't do to forget those mud-faced linemen, the boys with all guts and no glory. Center Artie Wilson is as reliable as they come when it comes to snapping that ball back and making that block. Guards Bill Brown and Dick McFerrin pack plenty of weight between them and can prove pretty rough to move when anybody gets ideas about picking their slots to run through. Bill Smith, a freshman guard, also shows plenty of punch. He's been subbing for the injured McFerrin, and made several good tackles in the Coffeyville game. Lee Shaffer and Jim Martin hold down the starting tackle positions, and both have shown up tremendously so far. Both boys are big and could just about discourage anyone away from the desire to live, as far as football is concerned.

Ends Don Lundstrum, Don Steele, and Bill Kelly just about speak for themselves as far as ability is concerned, and each handles himself with grace and ease befitting a Greek god. Guess you'd have to call "Goose" the old master, the way he pulls in those passes with those shovels he uses for hands.

An undefeated season was more than a star in the sky to be gazed at, considering all the material on this year's squad. Coffeyville upset that dream, catching the Lions by surprise and maybe with Lady Luck's prize rabbit foot thrown in to boot. We won't go into that, but, man, for another chance at those guys!



Shown above, as he scampers 65 yards to pay-dirt, is Shorty Stewart, 195-pound Junior College fullback. Jack Lee, Lion tackle, is Stewart's blocker.

Coatney Sparks Joplin Juco to 33-0 Victory Over O.M.A. in Opener

Joplin's Junior College Lions started the 1954 football season off with a roar as they completely overwhelmed Oklahoma Military Academy, 33 to 0, in a lop-sided contest played September 17 at Junge Field.

Halfback John Coatney stole the show for Coach Dudley Stegge's inspired charges, scoring twice and having a third TD nullified by a clipping penalty. Reserve halfback Bob James, who saw limited action in the first half, also contributed two six-pointers for the locals, scoring the last two Juco markers. Coatney also set up at least one of the other scores by some fine running skill exhibited throughout the game.

Joplin's first score came only seven plays after the opening kickoff, with Captain Jim Drennan going over from five yards out for the score. Early in the second stanza, Coatney drove 14 yards to the Cadet one-yard line, from where he went over standing up on the next play. Joplin led at this point 13-0.

The Green and White scored again minutes later, with Mr. Coatney again in the spotlight, as he intercepted a Bill Quoss pass on the O.M.A. 30-yard marker and streaked the remaining 70 yards to pay-dirt in beautiful style. Joplin gained possession again only seconds later via an intercepted pass taken by Dick Humphrey, and moved the ball to within 30 yards of the goal, from

Coffeyville Hands Joplin First Defeat

Plenty of depth in the forward wall and a hard-running back proved too much for the Joplin Juco Lions, as the Red Ravens of Coffeyville Junior College scored a 26 to 7 triumph in a contest played September 23.

where Coatney promptly took a hand-off, cut left, and scored behind some good blocking, only to have the touchdown nullified by the clipping penalty. Joplin returned to the field for the second half with a 19-0 advantage.

Midway through the third period, the Lions took a Cadet punt on their own 44-yard stripe and after a gain of three yards by Captain Drennan on an off-tackle play, went to the O.M.A. 16-yard line on a pass play from Humphrey, that looked as though it might go all the way. James scored on the next play, and the kick for point was good. Joplin's last marker came soon after, as Bill Brown recovered a fumble on the Cadet 30, from where Coatney drove to the seven-yard line of the visitors. James scooted around his own right end for the fifth and final Juco touchdown. The conversion attempt was good, to give the Lions the 33-0 victory margin.

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Independence Pins 19-0 Loss on Lions

Paced by quarterback Bill Bruner's fine running of a lateral-option play and a spirited front wall, the Independence Pirates surprised Joplin Junior College Lions at Junge Field last Friday, 19-0.

Bruner, a 5-11, 160 pounder, picked up 99 of the Independence 246 yards rushing, most of the yardage by the lateral-option play, which Bruner seemed to have at his full command.

Independence scored first on a sustained drive from the opening kickoff that totaled a march of 70 yards in 12 plays. A 28-yard pass from Dale Julian to Larry Rodrick, a play which almost didn't materialize because of the onrushing Lion defenders, accounted for the first Independence tally. Twelve more offensive plays were all that were needed for the Pirates to rack up their second marker, with Bruner and Rodrick showing the way. Bruner went over from the two-yard line to climax the 76-yard drive.

Joplin started its own drive after the first Independence tally, moving from the Lion 40 down to the Pirate 13-yard line where a fumble ended the scoring attempt. Shorty Stewart, big Lion fullback, was responsible for most of the yardage gained in the squelched drive.

The third quarter proved to be only a warm-up for the Pirates, as they moved in a substitute line most of the period, only to come back with the regulars in the final period. The last Pirate touchdown came on a one-yard plunge by Bob Nitschke, a sub halfback. Nitschke had moved the ball into the scoring position with impressive sprints of 11, 33, and 9 yards. The try for point failed just short of the goal-line.

Joplin Juco, in the person of Bill Agan, starting left halfback, made a final bid for pay-dirt late in the fourth stanza, as Agan moved the ball to the Pirate seven-yard line from the Lion 34 yarder with a pair of fine runs. But again the stalwart front wall of the visitors stopped the drive short.

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Wentworth Military Academy will send its charges against Joplin Juco tonight in an attempt to chalk up a victory against Coach Dudley Stegge's green and white clad Lions.

The visitors will send eight returning lettermen into the starting lineup in an effort to stop the hard-charging Joplin line. The other three starters are yet to be announced. The returning letter-winners are comprised of some versatile line-backfield men, with Gordon Harris, a 160-pound fullback-tackle and Byron Marsh, 165 pounder, playing quarterback and guard. The other starters are Johnny Eggen, a quarterback, Cal Enright, 160-pound end; Lyle Ashley, 160-pound halfback; Don Falk, guard, a 155-pounder; Jack Uppole, 185-pound tackle, and Jimmy Jones, a center weighing in at 160 pounds.

Lack of poundage might prove to be the difference in the contest as the Lions well outweigh, man for man, the Red Dragons of Coach Captain Bill Slayton. Joplin will be sending about the same starters against the Academy as started against Independence, with the exception of Bill Smith, the new not-so-proud owner of three chipped front teeth, received in the Independence tussle.

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